

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:52 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 21.

## *Committee Meetings*

### **MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND D.C. APPROPRIATIONS; BUDGET ALLOCATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Ordered reported the following appropriations for Fiscal Year 2002: Military Construction and the District of Columbia.

The Committee also approved revised Suballocation of Budget Allocations for Fiscal Year 2002.

### **WELFARE REFORM**

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Subcommittee on the 21st Century held a hearing on "Welfare Reform: An Examination of Effects." Testimony was heard from Joel Potts, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Policy Administrator, Department of Job and Family Services, State of Ohio; and public witnesses.

### **NATIONAL ELECTRICITY POLICY**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing entitled "National Electricity Policy: Federal Government Perspectives." Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Energy: Francis Blake, Deputy Secretary; and Patrick Wood, Chairman, Linda K. Breathitt, Nora Mead-Brownell and William L. Massey, all with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

### **WAR ON TERRORISM PREPARATION**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing on "Preparing for the War on Terrorism." Testimony was heard from Gen. Anthony Zinni, U.S. Marine Corps (Ret.); Benjamin Netanyahu, former Prime Minister of Israel; and public witnesses.

### **MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR OF PUBLIC LANDS BY LESSEES**

*Committee on Resources,* Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on H.R. 1370, to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide for maintenance and repair of buildings and properties located on lands in the National Wildlife Refuge System by lessees of such facilities. Testimony was heard from Daniel M. Ashe, Chief, National Wildlife Refuge System, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

### **SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a resolution waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The resolution applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 21, 2001, providing for consideration or disposition of a bill to preserve the continued viability of the United States air transport system.

### **MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:* Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management approved for full Committee action the following: H.R. 525, amended, Preparedness Against Domestic Terrorism Act of 2001; GSA Fiscal Year 2002 Capital Investment and Leasing Program-Remaining Prospectuses; H.R. 852, to designate the Federal building and United States Courthouse to be constructed at 10 East Commerce Street in Youngstown, Ohio, as the "Nathaniel R. Jones and Frank J. Battisti Federal Building and United States Courthouse;" and S. 378, to redesignate the Federal building located at 3348 South Kedzie Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois, as the "Paul Simon Chicago Job Corps Center."

### **AMERICAN WETLAND RESTORATION ACT**

*Committee on Transportation:* Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 1474, American Wetland Restoration Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Jones of North Carolina; Dominic Izzo, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary (Civil Works), Corps of Engineers, Department of the Army; G. Tracy Mehan, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

### **VETERANS LEGISLATION**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2716, Homeless Veterans Assistance Act of 2001; and H.R. 936, Heather French Henry Homeless Veterans Assistance Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Frances Murphy, M.D., Deputy Secretary, Health; and John Kuhn, Chief, New Jersey Homeless Services; Roy A. Bernardi, Assistant Secretary, Community Planning and Development, Department of Housing and Urban Development; representatives of various veterans organizations; and Heather French Henry, Miss America 2000.

**MEDICAL CARE COLLECTION FUND**

*Committee on Veterans' Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing to review the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Care Collection Fund (MCCF). Testimony was heard from Steven P. Backhus, Director, Health Care-VA and Military Health Issues, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Richard Griffin, Inspector General; and Thomas L. Garthwaite, M.D., Under Secretary, Health.

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**NEW PUBLIC LAWS**

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST of September 4, 2001, p. D858 )

H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct and proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-37)

H.R. 2888, making emergency supplemental appropriations for fiscal year 2001 for additional disaster assistance, for anti-terrorism initiatives, and for assistance in the recovery from the tragedy that occurred on September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-38)

S.J. Res. 22, expressing the sense of the Senate and House of Representatives regarding the terrorist attacks launched against the United States on September 11, 2001. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-39)

S.J. Res. 23, to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against those responsible for the recent attacks launched against the United States. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-40)

H.R. 2133, to establish a commission for the purpose of encouraging and providing for the commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*. Signed on September 18, 2001. (Public Law 107-41)

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**COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2001**

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

**Senate**

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* to hold hearings on the nomination of Arlene Render, of Virginia, to be Ambas-

sador to the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire; the nomination of Mattie R. Sharpless, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Central African Republic; the nomination of R. Barrie Walkley, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Guinea; the nomination of Jackson McDondald, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of The Gambia; the nomination of Kevin Joseph McGuire, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Namibia; the nomination of Ralph Leo Boyce, Jr., of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Indonesia; and the nomination of Robert W. Jordan, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, 12 p.m., SD-419.

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* to hold hearings to examine the U.S. response to homeland attacks, 9:30 a.m., SD-106.

**House**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce,* Subcommittee on Health and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Medicare Drug Reimbursements: A Broken System for Patients and Taxpayers," 9:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

*Committee on Financial Services,* Subcommittee on International Monetary Policy and Trade, to consider the following measures: H.R. 2604, to authorize the United States to participate in and contribute to the seventh replenishment of the resources of the Asian Development Fund and the fifth replenishment of the resources of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, and to set forth additional policies of the United States towards the African Development Bank, the African Development Bank, the Inter-American Development Bank, and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development; and H.R. 2871, Export-Import Reauthorization Act of 2001, 9:30 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

*Committee on Government Reform,* Subcommittee on the District of Columbia, hearing on "Mass Transit in the National Capital Region: Meeting Future Capital Needs," followed by a markup of the following: H.R. 2305, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Restructuring Act of 2001; and the District of Columbia Fiscal Integrity Act of 2001, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing on "Creating a New EPA Department," 9:30 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

*Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,* Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on Aviation Security and the Future of the Aviation Industry, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.